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## The Virden Advance.

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### LORD LANSDOWNE.

His Excellency's Eloquent Remarks at the Dinner, in Winnipeg.

The reply of the Governor-General to the toast of his health, at the dinner, last Thursday, was couched in eloquent and graceful language. His Excellency, in beginning, expressed the deep impression created upon him by the magnificent reception by the citizens of Winnipeg. He then entered upon an account of his trip to the Pacific. "Our first," said His Excellency, "after leaving Winnipeg was to visit the two branch lines at Winnipeg and Portage la Prairie, respectively, traversing the southwestern and northwestern portions of this Province. We travelled to Manitoba by the one, and for a few miles beyond Minneapolis by the other. Let me, in the first place, say how glad I am to find that the construction of those branch railways is proceeding so satisfactorily."

BRANCH LINES OF RAILWAY are absolutely necessary, if the resources of this country are to be properly developed. They are as necessary to the main line as limbs are to the human trunk. That is a conclusion which I think your own people have expressed pretty distinctly on many occasions. It is, indeed, perfectly obvious that the finest wheat lands in the world will be next day to be valueless if the distance from a railway station is so great as to impose what is virtually a prohibitive tax upon every bushel of grain which is carried to market.

Travelling along both of these lines, and again in the neighbourhood of Brandon, I saw a greater extent of arable land than I have ever before my good fortune to look upon before. His Excellency then dealt with the alleged injury done by early frost in expressing the opinion that this obstacle is

NOT GOING TO BE FATAL to the cultivation of wheat in this Province. He had no doubt that in time the farmers of Manitoba would find it possible to adopt a system of wheat growing by which they will contrive to elude the enemy which has up to the present time punished them so severely in some districts. We must recollect in the first place, that it is by no means follows that, because there have been early frosts during the last three seasons, they will always recur at the same time of the year. We have lately had in the country four or five wet summers in succession, but no one believes for a moment that they will

CONTINUE FOR AN INDEFINITE TIME.

There being district in the world in which agriculture is not pursued without to some drawback. He condemned the tactics of those having been unlucky in this respect write to the newspapers, representing this country as a frost-bitten wilderness. Discussing the future of wheat-growing in this country he was inclined to believe that for some time to come the price of wheat is likely to rule low. His Excellency continued: "I am a little nervous in speaking about the future before my friend, Mr. Consul Taylor, but unless we mismanaged the soil in many parts of the United States, which may be as yet a large set surplus of wheat and flour, is showing signs of exhaustion and yielding a yearly diminishing return. It stands a little over twelve bushels to the acre, and we must not forget that in the States land for nothing is a thing of the past. If you compare

THE POSITION OF A CANADIAN FARMER with his free homestead, his unencumbered soil which we may take, I think, without being over sanguine, at twenty bushels to the acre, with his competitor in the States producing between twelve and thirteen bushels, upon land which has been mercilessly cropped for a great number of years, I do not think the Canadian need have much anxiety as to the result. I have seen it said, on what I believe to be excellent authority, that in British India, which stands next on the list, the crops have lately been grown at a

cost which is barely repaid by the prices paid for them. With abundance of fertilizers, with every scientific appliance for its cultivation and with easy access by railway to the great centres of distribution, your farmer appears to me to be well provided with all

### ALL THE CONDITIONS OF SUCCESS

and I shall be surprised, if before ten years are over, the terrors of low prices and early frosts do not become things of the past." Having thus digressed His Excellency resumed the account of his trip. Referring to the building of the Canadian Pacific railway, he loudly praised the courage of those who first conceived and of those who have carried to a successful conclusion this great national work, which stands alone in the history of great achievements in railway building. In concluding, he said: "It is impossible to look upon this continent now sparsely inhabited by a few millions of human beings without reflecting how small are the interests of the present compared with those of the future which lie before us. Let us then keep our vision fixed upon that future, and let us remember how vast it is."

### LOAD OF RESPONSIBILITY

involved by the ownership of this great country. Its destinies are in your hands. By the vigor with which this national enterprise—the national highway over which we have just travelled—is being carried out, you have shown your intention of leaving no stone unturned for the material and political consideration of the Dominion, but the work is not ended. The completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway has merely supplied a condition without which that work could not have been carried out successfully. Confederation, without the railway, was not worth the paper on which the British North America Act was printed. But the railway

### WILL NOT ACHIEVE THE RESULTS

which you expect unless from one end of the Dominion to the other, your people endeavor by mutual consideration and forbearance, by the sacrifice of all sectional interests, by fostering a national spirit, to bind provinces to provinces and city to city. If I could venture to give you advice I should say, let us all, let the Dominion Government in each Province, the municipal authorities in your cities, let every citizen in his own place keep before themselves a consciousness that the present generation is not here in order that it may shape the fortunes of the country for its own selfish and temporary convenience. Let them bear in mind that

### THEY ARE TRUSTEES

for those who will come after them for the millions who will one day replace the thousands of the present. That their first duty is to regulate their conduct at whatever point it touches the public affairs of the nation, that when they are gone their successors may say of them that in the early days of the history of their country those who were in the position to mould its young destinies, used, with wisdom and foresight, and with a full sense of their responsibilities, the tremendous opportunities, and the tremendous responsibilities, of the early days of the history of their country.

### THE RIEL CASE.

#### DECISION OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

Reception of the news in Montreal—English and Canadian Press Comments.

LONDON, Oct. 23.—The Imperial Privy Council has dismissed the appeal of Louis Riel, the leader of the half-breed insurrection in Canada, against the sentence of death passed upon him by the Canadian courts.

LONDON, Oct. 23.—The Times says: "The judgment of the Privy Council leaves Canada free to act as she thinks best. It is the universal opinion in England that Riel deserves death, and if he were executed the justice of the decision will not be questioned."

The Daily Telegraph, commenting on Riel's case, says: "On the whole, yesterday's judgment is upheld by reason, and comes from lawyers of such undoubted ability that it may be assumed to cover the justice of the case. The end of the chapter rests with Canada. Riel cannot complain if Canada, now master of the situation, exacts the last penalty."

MONTREAL, Oct. 23.—La Minerve, a leading French paper here, contains a strong article against Riel, who, it is said, is not a party or nationality, but a French Canadian. "To make the case of Riel," it says, "is to make the case of the French Canadian, who is not a party or nationality, but a French Canadian. To make the case of Riel is to make the case of the French Canadian, who is not a party or nationality, but a French Canadian. To make the case of Riel is to make the case of the French Canadian, who is not a party or nationality, but a French Canadian."

Canadian or an English Canadian, judgment should be equal for all. Montreal, Oct. 13.—The news of the result of Riel's appeal excited no apparent interest here. The Gazette says all the sections combine to prevent the entertainment of any idea that for a second time mercy should be extended to him.

### COMMUNICATIONS

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but are willing to give space in our paper at any time for the discussion of public questions.

We shall not publish any letter unless accompanied with the name and address of the sender, not necessarily intended for publication.

### OAK LAKE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Farmers are busy threshing and ploughing, and notwithstanding that prices have gone up for grain some of our farmers are completing arrangements to ship their grain direct to the lower provinces.

Our little town is beginning to look up. Mr. Montgomery has almost completed a neat stone house within the last fortnight, and our hotel is far advanced; this, with the new Presbyterian church, gives the place a good appearance.

Mr. Osgood, our respected Presbyterian missionary, bid good-bye to his congregation last Sabbath week, having arranged to visit Scotland to see how matters go there. It is not expected that he will be back for six or seven months, but we hear it is the general wish that a call be given to a gentleman should opportunity offer for his return.

Speaking of church matters we learn that action is being taken to form a Session in connection with this church; at the same time it is not unlikely that the battle of hymns versus psalms will be fought ere long, and seeing your Virden people have decided for the organ and hymn, no doubt their decision will be taken advantage of by those in favor of the hymn alone.

### MONTGOMERY DISTRICT.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Who put the lead quarter in the hat on Sunday?

Mr. Wm. Tapp has returned from Droiview. He reports the wheat at all farms in that district. Miss Annie Lang has returned from her trip to Portage la Prairie, where she has been attending the Normal School.

Prairie fires are very frequent around here, and it is reported that they are raging in the valley of the Assiniboine, where they are likely to do some damage by burning hay stacks.

The Rev. Mr. Parker preached in the school house on Sunday to a rather small audience. A cold Sunday or two will serve to show the necessity of having a stable erected on the school house grounds.

In justice to Mr. Montgomery I must set you to make a correction in some of last week's correspondence. The paragraph in question was in reference to Mr. Montgomery having sent you 12 bushels of oats of 5 acres, a volunteer crop—and the last sentence as sent you read: "This style of farming is likely to come into fashion generally in this district."

Now by substituting the word *his* for *its* the meaning was entirely changed. As it appeared in the paper it would lead a person to suppose that it was intended to imply that *this* was Mr. Montgomery's ordinary style of farming, while the fact is that he is a first class farmer in every respect. The crop of oats in question were not even on his own place at all, but on a neighboring farm, he having obtained permission to harvest them, otherwise they were to have been ploughed under.

The regular meeting of the Walloon Literary and Musical Club was held on Saturday night, and the attendance was larger than at any former meeting. The program was gone through with as follows: Duets, Messrs. McGillivray and Elford; song, Miss Annie Lang; Reading, Mr. J. G. Pitt; recitation, Mr. Jas. Wilson; song, Mr. W. Lang; recitation, Miss McKim; duet, Miss Lang and Miss Rogers; song, Mr. Jas. Wilson; recitation, Mr. Jas. Elford; song, Mr. A. Pollock; song, Messrs. Lang and Mr. A. B. Elford; song, Mr. Jas. Wilson; recitation, Miss McKim; song, Mr. Jas. McKim; Mr. Thos. Tapp acted as chairman. The audience seemed to enjoy each number greatly, and more especially the singing and reciting of Mr. Wilson, who was loudly cheered, as was also Mr. Pollock. The debate was taken up after the program was finished, and a good deal of spirit and eloquence displayed on both sides, the "steam engine" winning by about one lap. Mr. Andrew Elms telling the engine of the winning side. The next meeting night, 7th of November, will be given in discussing the two questions of "Insurance against hail

and "Tree planting," when it is to be hoped there will be a good attendance, as they are both questions of great importance to the farmer. It is likely that there will be a literary program as well.

A grand barbecue was held some two weeks ago, by some of the natives in the northern part of this township. It seems that some of the unsophisticated youths of that benighted part of Eleven got it into their heads that they would vary the monotony of the wheat raising business by getting up a corner in pork, which they proceeded to do in the following scientific manner: Having procured a pig for the purpose they tied each leg to a post driven into the ground, for safety in case the first prod should not prove fatal. The pig was then feebly murdered by the head assasin, the rest retiring to a safe distance in case any of the strings broke. The next question was, how to get the hair off, and how comes the horrible part of my tale, they actually piled about two tons of hay around that poor pig, and fired No. 2 till the match to it. Now, although they succeeded in thoroughly cooking the pig (and the performance in that respect was a decided success) it is hard for a civilized person to understand their motive for cooking it with the hair on, when they could easily have taken it off with the aid of a little hot water. The bristles were just about the same length as when the pig was killed, not having grown any during the process. Any person requiring pointers on pig-killing could get them by applying somewhere near the north-west corner of the township. Advice gratis.

### GENERAL NEWS.

Great Britain is now in the full heat of an election campaign.

The Northwest Council is summoned to meet at Regina on the 5th of November.

Sir Leonard Tilley, in consequence of continued ill-health, has tendered his resignation as finance minister. The Farmers' Union are about to build an elevator in Winnipeg, having a capacity of 75,000 to 100,000 bushels.

Sermons against disestablishment were preached by clergymen of the Church of England, throughout England last Sunday.

A Manitoba & Northwestern Railway brakeman, named Robinson, was struck by a C.P.R. engine at Portage la Prairie, last Friday morning, and killed.

The Canadian Pacific have decided to establish a permanent exhibition in Toronto of products of Ontario, the Northwest Territory and British Columbia for the benefit of immigrants.

The merchant tailors' association, of Toronto, have decided to publish a black list, showing the debtors who never pay. The best means of giving the most publicity is in consideration.

Regular through freight trains commenced running on the Canadian Pacific on Monday last. Through passenger trains, between Montreal and Winnipeg, will commence running next Monday.

### THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RY.

WESTERN DIVISION.

#### TRAIN SERVICE.

On and after May 1st, 1885, trains will move as follows:

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